case had been registered against the User Agency. However, there is no encroachment of the forest land since the additional 3 turbines are installed within the area of already approval diverted forest land.

As regards M/s Enercon (India) Limited, the Central Government accorded approval to the State Government granting permission to divert 134.14 ha. of forest land in favour of M/s Enercon (India) Limited for wind power project *vide* letter dated 6-5-2005. The User Agency proceeded with the work without waiting for sanction from the State Government. As such, a forest offence case was registered against the user agency. The State Government has recently accorded necessary approval *vide* order dated 19-7-2005.

(d) Generation of wind power is considered eco-friendly in nature. As regards the adverse impact on environment due to construction of infrastructure like roads, transmission line etc., for the wind power project, the Central Government while granting approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, stipulates strict conditions like compensatory afforestation, soil conservation works, retaining wall construction for roads etc. for mitigating adverse impact. State Governments are required to monitor the compliance of conditions.

Poaching of tigers

1338. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that illegal trade in tiger organs is highly organized in our country;

(b) if so, what is the current data of poaching, both official and non-official from 1999 to 2004;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain lacunae in the existing laws have led to low conviction of wildlife poachers;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to bring in stringent measures to wean away poachers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Reports of illegal trade in tiger organs have come to light time and again. Information regarding poaching of tigers as received from states is in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (e) The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 has been amended in 2003, making it more stringent for preventing Wildlife Crimes in the country:

(i) Provision has been made for forfeiture of properties of hard core criminals, similar to "Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985".

(ii) The penalties for committing offences against Schedule I and Part II of Schedule Ii animals and hunting in or altering the boundary of a Sanctuary or National Park, has been enhanced form existing minimum 1 year to 3 years extensible to 7 years. The fine has also been doubled from existing Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 10,000/-.

(iii) In order to improve the intelligence gathering in wildlife crimes, the existing provision for rewarding informers has been increased from 20% of the fine and composition money respectively to 50% in each case.

(iv) There is also provision for giving a reward up to Rs. 10,000/- to informants and others who provide assistance in detection of crime and apprehension of the offender.

Statement

Information regarding Poaching of Tigers

Year	Poaching
1	2
1999	23
2000	6
2001	36

1	2
2002	34
2003	15
2004	01
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State	Poaching
Andhra Pradesh	5
Assam	13
Bihar	3
Chhattisgarh	3
Karnataka	5
Kerala	1
Maharashtra	23
Madhya Pradesh	14
Orissa	1
Rajasthan	2
Tamil Nadu	4
Uttaranchal	9
Uttar Pradesh	24
West Bengal	8
	115

Wild animals destroying standing crops

1339. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some areas of districts Ropar, Hoshiarpur and Pathankot which fall under semi-mountainous ranges are inhabited by large number of wild and stray animals that destroy standing crops and agriculture lands of those areas every now and then;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard; and

(c) what precautionary measures Government have taken or propose to take in this regard as these animals are protected under Wild Life (Protection) Act?